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TO THE VOTERS

Of the United States of America.

The Democratic Congressional Committee has issued the following address:

Clothed with the right of elective franchise, on the eighth day of November next, you will be called upon to exercise the highest duty of citizenship. Upon your action depends the control of the next House of Representatives of Congress. Every vote for a Republican candidate will be an endorsement of the Republican policy and approval of the record made by the last Congress.

The Republican party has come to be the agent of the trusts, the great corporations, and the great banks. The truth of this statement is borne out by the public records of the past thirty years. Since the close of the Civil war every demand of the money power made of Congress while under Republican rule has been substantially complied with and every demand of the people substantially denied.

At the dictation of the money power the legal tender money put out during the war was destroyed, whereby prices were cut in twain. By legislation hostile to silver and treasury notes the volume of the currency has been kept so limited that prices have again been cut in twain since 1873, so that during a period of thirty years, by means of financial legislation the producers and laborers of the country have been impoverished while the wealth of the rich has been quadrupled. By means of this legislation more than fifteen billions of wealth created by the thirty millions who live upon the farms has been transferred from those who produced it to the coffers of the rich.

The Republican party opposed an income tax even in time of war. They passed the Dingley bill, intentionally framed so as to favor the great trusts which have contributed millions of dollars to the Republican Campaign fund.

In the last Congress they surrendered to the Pacific railway steal; they voted against taxing corporations; they even voted against taxing the trusts. They authorized the issuance of five hundred millions of bonds when there was not the slightest necessity for any issue. They have abandoned international bimetalism and are now thoroughly committed to the single gold standard.

Those appointed to office in the army were the sons of the rich or dictated by those with a political pull. The worthy and competent were turned down for the ignorant and incompetent resulting in more sickness, suffering and death in our army than came from Spanish bullets and Spanish fevers.

For the great wrongs done our volunteers no one is punished. Only whitewashing committees, holding star chamber proceedings are organized to cover up the outrages and excuse if not justify crime.

Vast sums of money have been wasted in extravagant contracts given out to special favorites or to corporations which make political subscriptions; and where speculations have been discovered the records containing the proof have mysteriously disappeared after reaching the War Department.

Only a Democratic Congress can be expected to investigate these wrongs and bring the guilty to the bar of public opinion and to punishment.

The shadow of the Gauge bill hangs over the country. If the next House be Republican that bill will become a law. All existing federal currency save gold will be destroyed. The entire circulation of the country will be in the hands of the banks to whom the sovereign prerogative of issuing money is to be surrendered. A bureaucracy is to be established whose officers are to hold their places for twelve years so that three presidential terms must pass before they can be dislodged. Bonds are to be issued without limit to buy the gold with which to redeem the bank notes. The government is to get out of the government business and go into the guaranty business for the benefit of the banks. A monster banking trust is to be organized to swallow up all the banks outside of the great cities, for these agents of the Rothschilds are to have the power to establish branch banks wherever they will. If this monstrous conspiracy is to be destroyed it can not be done by returning a Republican majority to the next House.

It is given out from the Treasury Department that the war revenue bill has come to stay. So it will be if the

Republicans continue to control Congress.

If the war revenue bill is to be repealed, if taxation is to be made more equal, if the power of the trusts and the monopolies is to be checked, if the monster bank conspiracy is to be throttled, candidates who oppose the Republican party must be elected.

The very foundation of the Republic is being sapped. The money oligarchy is in the saddle; they must be unhorsed or we are lost.

We therefore call upon every honest voter, regardless of past political affiliations to go to the polls on election day to save the republic. Duty calls to us. Patriotism appeals to us. Let us once more have a government so administered as to bring equal rights to all, and to give exclusive privileges to none. Let the decree go forth that henceforth ours is to be a government not by, of, or for the syndicates and trusts, but of, by, and for the people.

Of the twelve million voters in this country, more than eleven millions are vitally concerned in the accomplishment of this result.

Let their voices be heard in thunder tones on the 8th day of November.

INCREASE HIS MAJORITY.

Senator Cochran Deserves a Unanimous Vote in His Home County.

From the Philadelphia Times. Senator Cochran, of the Lycoming district, will, of course, be re-elected, but his faithful services to the state during his present term fairly entitle him to a verdict from the people of his district that will strongly emphasize their appreciation of his ability and fidelity to a public servant.

Senator Cochran's district is strongly Democratic and he is cordially supported by all shades of Democratic sentiment, and as he well deserves. He will be greatly needed in the next senate and his influence and usefulness as a legislator would be much strengthened by his return to his public duties with a largely increased majority.

The next legislature will have exceptionally important duties to perform, and senators of the ability and integrity of Senator Cochran will have a wide field for their legislative efforts. No matter who may be elected governor, the question of state reform must be a most vital one; and with an earnest and practical Democratic leader like Senator Cochran and an able and aggressive Republican leader like Senator Henry, of this city, the reform agitation should give substantial fruits to the people. Senator Cochran's constituents should re-commission him for his public trust by an overwhelming vote.

Take the Money.

Next Tuesday is election day. During the past week, and from now until election, every effort has been and will be made to obtain Democratic votes for Republican candidates. It is currently reported that money is being lavishly used to influence Democrats to split their tickets. While it is not honest to take money that is not earned for any purpose, it is more honest for a poor man to accept money for political support than it is for a wealthy man to offer it, and it is also more honorable. Any self-respecting man who is offered money for his vote should take it as an insult, and spurn the offer with indignation. Of course the heaters and rounders who make a business of getting all they can out of all the candidates, irrespective of party will not be insulted by such an offer.

But since there is a "bar" in this campaign, our advice to Democrats who may be approached, is to take all the money that is offered, and then go to the polls on Tuesday and resent the insult by voting the straight Democratic ticket.

Meeting Monday Night.

The Democratic meeting in the Opera House next Monday night will be addressed by Hon. Jas. T. Stranahan, of Harrisburg, Robert R. Little and Fred Ikeler, Esqs. This will be the night before election. Every Democrat in Bloomsburg should be present.

Paper Free for One Month.

THE COLUMBIAN will be sent free to any person in the county, on receipt of the name and address on a postal. Don't be afraid to ask for it. You will get it only four weeks, unless ordered to be continued.

Go to the polls and vote early next Tuesday. Then see that your neighbor gets there. VOTE THE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO HOUSES.

About three o'clock on Thursday morning of last week the prolonged sounding of the fire alarm, aroused the residents of town from their slumbers and it was soon learned that fire had broken out and was rapidly destroying a house on the Light Street road a short distance above the Town Hall, occupied by W. H. Magill. The fire companies were quickly on hand, but owing to the great distance of the water plug from the burning building, and the muddy water, which could not be run through the engine for several minutes, it was some time before they were able to start the water. The engine was soon in good working order, however, and the fires extinguished but not until it had entirely destroyed the house in which it started and also damaging the adjoining house owned by Harry Eshleman and occupied by him and John Wolf, to such an extent that it will have to be rebuilt.

It is a mystery how it started as Mr. Magill and wife, had locked up the house on Monday and gone to Philadelphia. Nothing was saved from the house, the furniture, clothing and other goods, all burned up.

Mr. Eshleman, who lived in the lower side of the double house, also lost his furniture, and household goods. He had not heard the alarm, and was awakened just in time to save himself and two little girls. Mrs. Eshleman was in Philadelphia at the time.

Had it not been for a strong wind from the south west a conflagration could not have been avoided, because had the next house below caught fire the whole row consisting of six or seven houses which are built quite close together would probably have been destroyed.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

A number of invited guests assembled at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Miller, on Centre Street, Wednesday forenoon at 10:30 to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary, to Mr. Samuel R. Bidleman. The rooms were handsomely and artistically decorated with festoons of evergreens and carnations, while beautiful potted plants were disposed of in nooks and corners. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Miss Maud Runyon. Rev. G. H. Hemingway, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, tied the nuptial knot. An elegant dinner was awaiting in the dining room, which was profusely decorated with flowers. The bride was attired in a broadcloth traveling dress. The maid of honor was Miss Edith Miller, sister of the bride, and the best man Frank Miller of Drifton, cousin of the bride. The ushers were Samuel H. Harman and R. Frank Colley. A very large number of presents were bestowed, consisting of cut glass, silver, linen and china. After hearty congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Bidleman left on the 11:30 train on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad for an extended trip. They will be at home at corner of Centre and Third Streets, after November 16th. The good wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances go with them in their new relations. The bride is a popular and accomplished young lady. Mr. Bidleman is the proprietor of a book and stationery store, and ranks as one of Bloomsburg's foremost young business men.

Several city dailies have recently contained a dispatch furnished by W. H. Woodin, or his friends, stating that an effort had been made by a "prominent Democrat" of this county to bribe Mr. Woodin's private secretary to furnish letters and information concerning Mr. Woodin's canvass, to Mr. Polk. On the 4th page appears Mr. Polk's statement of the matter, and his denial of the charge. The private secretary had a row with Woodin, and then tried to sell out for spite, or else the whole thing was a scheme to trap Polk. Whichever way it is, the thing was a flat failure, and will react upon those who instigated it.

The official ballots, which are being printed at this office, will contain eight columns, namely, Republican, Democratic, Prohibition, People's, Socialist Labor, Liberty, Honest Government, and a blank column. The size of the ballot is 12½ inches by 21 inches. With the stub it is 21 by 19.

The "plum tree shake" will be out of fashion after November 8.

WHY PUT IT OFF?

The buying of your Fall and Winter Clothing and Footwear at this store means the saving of many dollars, and then why put off getting your actual needs, when you can buy them of us now without paying one cent's profit. This sale will last but a comparatively short time, and every day sees the stock growing less. In possibly 2 months we shall bid our friends (who have been loyal to us and helped us build this business to its present size), good-bye.

It's a harvest time for buyers of Suits and Overcoats, Storm Ulsters, Boy's Reefers, Men's Underwear, Gloves, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes. The profits are knocked completely off. It's an exchange of Goods for money.

Suits, Overcoats and Storm Ulsters for Men at

\$ 3.90 from \$ 5.00.
4.50 " 6.00.
5.50 " 7.50.
7.50 " 10.00.
10.00 " 13.50.
12.00 " 15.00.

A Saving on each of from \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Boy's Suits and Reefers and Overcoats at

\$1.50 from \$2.25.
2.00 " 2.75.
2.50 " 3.50.
3.00 " 4.00.
3.50 " 5.00.

A Saving on Each of from 50c. to \$2.00.

Mens and Boys Hats and Caps.

19c. from 25c.
39c. " 50c.
50c. " 75c.
75c. " \$1.00
\$1.00 " 1.50
1.50 " 2.00
2.00 " 3.00

SHOES.

Mens, Womens, Misses and Children's, prices that were never heard of before for such qualities.

98 cents.

For hundreds of pairs of Mens, Womens, Misses and Children's that retailed at from \$1.50 to \$3.50. Rubbers, Rubber Boots, Felts, Gaiters, all at and below cost.

GIDDING & COMPANY,

The White Front,

Nearly Opposite Court House.

Two Doors Below Postoffice

Jenks Tells What His Election Will Mean.

Not a Victory for Free Trade or Free Silver, But for Economy and Reform in State Affairs.

I am informed that Mr. Stone, at Pittsburg, Saturday, announced that my election as Governor of Pennsylvania will be a victory for free trade and free silver and that I will so claim. This is not true. It will not be a victory for, nor will I claim it as a victory for, either. If I did I would be false to the platform adopted by the Altoona convention. My election will simply mean economy and reform in State affairs. Votes cast for me will express a determination by all good citizens to drive out of public office those who have robbed the State and corrupted our government. My purpose is and shall be to introduce an honest, economical, just and fair State administration. I now say to all voters in Pennsylvania who wish to vote for me on State issues that I do not, and will not if elected, claim that my election indicates aught except a desire for reform in our State. National issues will be settled in the Presidential election of 1900. My election as Governor in Pennsylvania should not and shall not be used to affect the next Presidential election or the issues which may then arise so far as I can prevent.

(Signed) GEORGE A. JENKS. Huntingdon, October 31, 1898.

Buckhorn lost one of its oldest and best residents on Monday in the person of Esau Shoemaker, who died at his home in that place in his seventieth year. His health had been declining for some time. His immediate survivors are a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters. The funeral took place yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. Hartman. Interment at Dutch Hill cemetery.

Don't risk losing your whole vote by trying to scratch your ticket. If it is not marked right the whole ballot is thrown out. VOTE THE STRAIGHT DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

A Stout Republican Indorsal.

From the Pittsburg Leader (Rep.), Oct. 22. The candidacy of George A. Jenks has been the means of causing a complete union of the Democratic factions in the work of the gubernatorial campaign. William F. Harry and his lieutenants are as pronounced in their advocacy of Mr. Jenks as are Colonel J. M. Guffey and those who aided him in the handling of the Altoona convention. On all hands it is understood that Mr. Jenks is not a politician, in the ordinary sense of the term; that he cares nothing about the ups and downs of the factions in his party, and that his one ambition in seeking the office of governor is to acquire the opportunity of cleansing the state government, abolishing official criminality and maladministration and restoring the management of public affairs to a plain, honest business basis. The Democratic candidate is not a new man before the people. Under President Cleveland he filled the high office of Solicitor General of the United States and acquitted himself with distinguished ability. On laying down that office he returned to private life, making no endeavor to seek further political preferment on the strength of the success already achieved; but the worth of the man, his integrity, his trustworthiness and his splendid qualifications for service in an administrative capacity could not be hidden under a bushel, and, by a peculiarly happy inspiration, the Democracy turned to him at the moment when the naming of an irrefragable candidate meant everything to that party. Having the solid support of the Democracy and the certainty of heavy accessions from the Republican ranks, Mr. Jenks' prospects are unquestionably of the most promising character. The only obstacle remaining in his path is the disposition of many bolting Republicans to give their support to Dr. Swallow, the Prohibitionist, rather than violate empty traditions by supporting a Democrat; but this bids fair to be removed before the campaign reaches its climax.

Special revival meetings are in progress in the Methodist Church.

A Church Wedding in Orangeville.

On last Thursday evening a marriage was solemnized in the Union Church of Orangeville, in connection with a series of services held by Rev. A. Houtz. Although it was the intention to keep the affair a secret until after its occurrence, it however leaked out. A wedding secret is hard to keep, it is like mercury in a porous vase. When the pastor entered the church, he observed the altar stand neatly decorated with chrysanthemum, and an unusually large congregation was in attendance and all seemed to wear the expression of expectancy as though they anticipated something more than a sermon. At the conclusion of the regular religious service, a wedding hymn was sung, after which the contracting parties Mr. O. S. McHenry of Stillwater and Miss Almetie Hering of Orangeville, presented themselves before the altar for the consummation of their marriage vows. While the organist played suppressed strains of music, the beautiful church marriage service was read and the holy rite of marriage solemnized. The two were made one and introduced to the audience as man and wife. Many warm and sincere congratulations were expressed by the host of friends present. As this little bark has launched out on the sea of matrimony, we trust it will have a calm sea, a happy and prosperous voyage, and at last reach in safety the haven of the glorified and redeemed in our Father's Home above.

Some of the young people who were out celebrating on Hallow E'en went beyond the fun limit, and destroyed considerable property. In several instances locks were broken and doors torn off of buildings and smashed. A large settee in front of Dr. Purman's house on Third Street was smashed to splinters. Such conduct is far from sport and if the perpetrators are caught it will go hard with them.

Our conclusion is that all the indications point to the election of George A. Jenks by an overwhelming plurality, and the utter overthrow of Machine Rule.—Philadelphia Record, Nov. 1.